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**TO:** Members of the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education

**FROM:** Angélica Infante-Green, Commissioner *A. Infante*

**SUBJECT:** *Approval of Necessity of School Construction: Central Falls*

The Council on Elementary and Secondary Education has as one of its responsibilities reviewing and certifying the need for school construction projects to be reimbursed through the school housing aid program and the School Building Authority (SBA) Capital Fund. Most large projects are supported by bonds and are comprehensive projects with major renovation and/or new construction components. With the passage of the Statewide School Construction Bond in November 2018, voters activated six new temporary bonus incentives and access to \$250M in upfront funding to support the state share of foundation school housing aid.

At this meeting, the Council is being asked to approve a Necessity of School Construction application. A chart summarizing Central Falls School District's projects is provided in Attachment 1.

**RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education approve the necessity of school construction projects totaling \$7,665,597 pursuant to R.I.G.L. §16-7-41.1 as follows (please note that when the applicable reimbursement share ratios are applied to the estimated total project costs noted below, the state share is expected to be \$7,404,967, which includes \$1,110,931 in pay-as-you-go funding):**

**Central Falls:**

a. Districtwide Fast Track Repairs:

i.	Captain Hunt Elementary School	\$ 909,932
ii.	Ella Risk Elementary School	\$ 570,503
iii.	Margaret Robertson Elementary School	\$ 459,516
iv.	Veterans Memorial Elementary School	\$ 724,674
v.	Calcutt Middle School	\$ 2,689,654
vi.	Central Falls High School	\$ 2,311,408

## SUMMARY: FY 2021 NECESSITY OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

CENTRAL FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	JUSTIFICATION	FY 2021 AID SHARE RATIO*	ESTIMATED PROJECT COST**	STATE SHARE	STATE SHARE W/ INTEREST
<b>Districtwide Repairs</b>	This project will address repairs at all six Central Falls School District's facilities, including: Captain Hunt Elementary, Ella Risk Elementary, Robertson Elementary, Veterans Memorial Elementary, Calcutt Middle School and Central Falls High School. The proposed repairs will address deficiencies of mechanical systems, exterior envelope, electrical systems, site, as well as code compliance and life safety issues.	This project is part of a masterplan that includes health, safety, and security improvements, including building envelope repairs, HVAC repairs, fire safety improvements, security projects, site repairs, electrical upgrades, educational program improvements, ADA compliance, hazardous materials abatement, and other building system improvements that affect student and staff health and safety.	Base Rate 96.6%	\$7,665,597	\$7,404,967	\$7,404,967
			Maximum Rate 98.3%***	\$7,665,597	\$7,535,282	\$7,535,282

\* State share ratio is based on FY2021 calculation, pursuant to RIGL 16-7-41(b).

\*\* Only bonds financed through RIHEBC are eligible for reimbursement on interest.

\*\*\* District may be eligible for a maximum of 1.7% additional reimbursement, pursuant to RIGL 16-7-40.